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SUBJECT: POSITIVE SOVIET REACTION TO YOUR MEETING WITH  
GROMYKO

SECDEL FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT FROM ARMITAGE

GENERAL THEME PERVADING SOVIET COMMENTARY ON VIENNA  
MEETING IS THAT IT DISPELLED GLOOMY TALK IN THE WEST  
ABOUT DETENTE SETBACKS AND SHOWED THAT US-SOVIET  
RELATIONS REMAIN ON UPBEAT COURSE. THIS OPTIMISTIC  
TONE WAS SET BY A PRAVDA EDITORIAL ON THE EVE OF YOUR  
TALKS IN VIENNA WHICH SERVED AS AN ANTIDOTE TO GROMYKO'S  
ASSERTIVE MAY 14 SPEECH.

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2. BREZHNEV VISIT MENTIONED. A MAY 23 COMMENTARY IN

IZVESTIYA WELCOMING RESULTS OF MEETING INFORMED SOVIET READERS FOR FIRST TIME THAT BREZHNEV VISIT TO US IS PLANNED FOR THIS FALL. (GROMYKO BROUGHT THE "UPCOMING" SUMMIT BACK TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET PUBLIC ON MAY 14 AND REFERRED TO IT AS EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT, BUT NOW ITS TIMING IS MORE PRECISELY DEFINED.) MAY 25 PRAVDA ALSO MENTIONED HIS VISIT IN A COMMENTARY WHICH NOTED THAT ATMOSPHERE OF "STRONG OPTIMISM" FOLLOWING VIENNA MEETING WAS ALL THE MORE NOTEWORTHY SINCE IT WAS FIRST

US-SOVIET TALKS ON THIS LEVEL SINCE DEVELOPMENTS IN INDO-CHINA.

3. SALT GIVEN SPECIAL EMPHASIS. IN LISTING THE THREE MAIN SUBJECTS OF THE VIENNA DISCUSSIONS--SALT, CSCE, AND MIDDLE EAST--THE FIRST IS HIGHLIGHTED. TWO COMMENTARIES NOTE YOUR MAY 24 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY FOR CONCLUSION OF SALT AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

4. A NEW STAGE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. A DOMESTIC ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF THE VIENNA MEETING NOTED SOME OBSERVERS THOUGHT IT MIGHT SERVE AS THE "BEGINNING OF A NEW, IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE DIALOG ON DETENTE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST," THEREBY ECHOING GROMYKO'S MAY 14 SPEECH ON WARSAW PACT ANNIVERSARY WHERE HE SPOKE OF SEEKING A NEW STAGE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. A COMMENTARY TO POLAND CALLED THE MEETING OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE BOTH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND FOR CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE AND A NEW TIMES ARTICLE ON MAY 25 SAID IT GAVE A "NEW IMPETUS TO RELAXATION OF TENSION."

5. USUAL NEGATIVISM WITH ARABS. ONE EXCEPTION TO GENERALLY POSITIVE TREATMENT OF US WAS MOSCOW'S ARABIC LANGUAGE COMMENTARY ON MEETING. VIENNA DISCUSSION'S THEMSELVES WERE NOT CRITICIZED, MERELY REPORTED, BUT - ENSUING DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOTED THAT ISRAELI AGGRESSOR WAS STILL RECEIVING DIRECT AND INDIRECT ASSISTANCE, AND RECENT PENTAGON STATEMENT THAT US WOULD USE FORCE OF ARAB COUNTRIES REIMPOSED OIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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